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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: William J. LaBarge et al)
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/811,131) GROUP ART UNIT: 1709
FILED: March 26, 2004)
FOR: CATALYTIC CONVERTER) EXAMINER: N. Young
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF)
MAKING THE SAME)

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and authorize the \$450 extension of time fee to be charged to Deposit Account 50-0831.

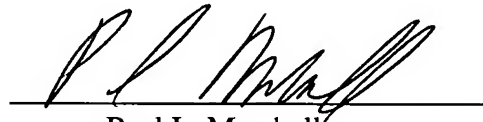
The Office Action requires restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-18, 24, and 25) drawn to an apparatus and the claims of Group II (claims 19-23) drawn to a method of making. In response, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-18, 24, and 25) without traverse.

The Office Action also requires an election of species between a catalytic converter having an upstream substrate with 70% of catalyst disposed at a core of the upstream substrate (claims 1-18) and a catalytic converter with an upstream capable of laminar flow and

downstream substrate capable of turbulent flow through at least a portion of the downstream substrate (claims 24-25). In response, Applicants the species of a catalytic converter having an upstream substrate with 70% of catalyst disposed at a core of the upstream substrate, and identify claims 1-18 as the claims encompassing the elected species.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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